President: Notices have been received by the Chair in regard to motions for adjournment of the House. The first motion reads thus :

> "I beg to move for an adjournment of the business of the House for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance, *viz.*, the serious situation in Nanjinad caused by the recent order of the Government denying full remission of land tax including water cess for lands left fallow within the Kodayar Project commanded area during the Kanni crop of 1111".

Before the Chair can come to any conclusion on that matter it would like to be enlightened by the Government member responsible as to whether any orders have been passed on this question.

Mr. S. Piraviperumal Pillai (*Commerce and Industry, South*): I rise to a point of order. Are not adjournment motions to be taken after the question time is over ?

President: Yes. It was certainly not within my right to have done it before that. Thank you very much. We will proceed to questions and answers.

Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar (*Kunnatnad* cum *Parur*): Sir, I should like to make a statement with regard to questions and answers.

Mr. S. Piraviperumal Pillai: Sir, I rise to another point of order. I wish to know whether I will be in order if I just make a reference to the honour conferred on the Leader of the House on the bestowal of the title of " Rao Bahadur " during the interval that has lapsed since we met last.

President: The time or the occasion for it has not arisen. The same objection which the honourable member raised a little while ago applies to this also.

Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar: Sir, I sent a list of questions to the Secretary and I got a reply that the questions were out of time because they were not sent as per Rule 12. Rule 12 says :—

> " A member who wishes to ask a question shall give notice in writing to the Secretary at least 12 clear days before the date fixed for the meeting at which he desires to put the question and shall together with the notice submit a copy of the question which he wishes to ask."

My questions reached the office, I understand, on the 3rd Karkatakam. It is only from to-day forward that questions could be asked and answered. Regarding the date of meeting I received the following letter :—

> "I am directed by the President to inform you that, if the Agriculturists' Relief Bill is passed by the Sri Mulam Assembly, it will be taken up for consideration by the Council at its meeting to be held at 12 noon on the 22nd July 1936 and on the succeeding three days."

It so happened that nothing could be done on that day.

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President : No statement shall be made before questions have been answered. I cannot allow the time of the House to be taken up for other purposes than that for which the first hour is intended.

Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar : I will wait till the question time is over.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

President : From the questions and answers honourable members will have noticed that this is a day for Mr. Kattakayam.

Construction of Council Chamber.

1. ***Mr. J. John Kattakayam** : (*Muvattupuzha cum Todupuzha*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether they had called for tenders for the construction of the Council Chamber ;

(*b*) how many persons have accordingly submitted tenders for the work ;

(*c*) of these how many are foreigners and how many are natives ;

(*d*) how long it is since the tenders were called for ;

(*e*) whose tender is lowest ; what is the amount of that tender ; and

(*f*) the reason why the above work was not taken in hand till now as per the tender ?

Mr. G. B. E. Truscott : (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) to (*f*) The information cannot be disclosed before the contract is settled.

Mr. J. John Kattakayam: (ബി) മുതൽ (എഫ്) വരെ ചോദിച്ചിട്ടുള്ള സംഗതികാം പുറത്തു വിടുന്നതു ശരിയല്ല എന്നു പറയുന്നതിൽ വല്ല പ്രത്യേക ഉദ്ദേശവും ഉണ്ടോ?

Mr. G. B. E. Truscott: Government consider that until the question of the contract is settled, the question shall be considered as confidential.

Mr. J. John Kattakayam : ഈ വക സംഗതികാം പബ്ലിഷ് ചെയ്യുന്നതിന്റെ ഉദ്ദേശം എന്താകുന്നു?

Mr. G. B. E. Truscott: Government have published nothing.

Mr. J. John Kattakayam : സാധാരണ വലിയ സംഖ്യകാം ക്കുള്ള കാൺട്രാക്റ്റുകളെ സംബന്ധിച്ചു ഗവണ്മെന്റു പരസ്യപ്പെടുത്താറില്ലേ?

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